

**Jury Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**May 21, 2010
Minutes**

1. Attendance. The following Committee members were present: Amy Barbar, George Biddlecome, Christopher Burnham, Thomas Cannon, Maria Granger, Robert Kirsch, and Fran Gull, Chair.
2. Staff present. Michelle C. Goodman and Tom Carusillo provided the Committee with staff assistance.
3. Approval of minutes. The Committee unanimously approved the January 2010 minutes.
4. Report from NCSC Jury Tool Box Training. The Committee received an overview of the Jury Tool Box created by the NCSC. Judge Kirsch, staff from IJC, and a number of court state from around the state participated in the web-based training on this application. The application is free from NCSC and can help courts in analyzing the jury process and review best practice suggestions to see what options may be available to continue to improve these processes.
5. Benchbook materials. The Committee then reviewed the materials on High Profile cases. The materials included revisions suggested at the January meeting. Judge Burnham mentioned to the Committee that he had added some forms to the end of the chapter. The Committee requested that the forms be distribute by email for further review. The Committee also added a note to the Preface of the section regarding the ability of courts to request assistance from the Chief Justice regarding additional senior judge days, IJC research, media coordination, etc.

The Committee then reviewed the Deliberation materials. The Committee suggested designating the material specifically for criminal and civil cases where appropriate. The Committee also asked to reference the proposed new Jury Rules regarding collecting electronic devices, if adopted. The Committee also made a number of suggestions regarding the chronology of this section and requested examples of areas regarding juror misconduct and the sanctions available.

The Committee also requested that staff request the new citations for the civil instructions and review recent cases to see if there are any that need to be added to the benchbook materials.

The Committee requested that the remaining drafts be submitted by July 8 for review at the next meeting.
6. 2010 Meeting Schedule. The remaining meetings for 2010 include:

Friday, October 8 at noon
All meetings will be held at the Indiana Judicial Center and meeting times are listed as Indianapolis time.

Respectfully submitted,

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